

There is already a "hidden-tax" on each blank audio tape, each VCR tape and each recordable CD and DVD, presumably to offset the loss of revenues due to copying. If the anti-copy flag is added, these other hidden "taxes" to the audio and video industries should be rescinded. Until they are, the FCC should not allow any type of anti-copying Flag or other anti-copying rules to be mandated. I oppose copying rules on the grounds that they will inhibit the fair use by consumers to record and time-shift programming for their convenience, and thereby not allow consumers the choice of controlling their own use of digital television. I also do not believe the losses in revenue put forward by the video and audio programmers is actual and most consumers do not record instead of buying.